

Assignments \mathcal{N}^o 11

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Task 1: Time-homogeneity – R task

10 points

Let us consider the data collected by A. Knecht (4 adjacency matrices + gender) and a specification of the SAOM including edges, reciprocity, transitive triplets, ego covariate, alter covariate, and same gender. Last week we check for heterogeneity using a heuristic procedure.

Use the `sienaTimeTest` function in `Rsiena` in order to properly test if there is heterogeneity.

- a) Interpret the result of the joint significance test of time heterogeneity
- b) Which statistics are time-dependent?
- c) Include time dummy variables for reciprocity, estimate the model and comment your results.

Task 2: Goodness of fit – R task

10 points

Let us consider the data collected by A. Knecht, and in particular the second and the third observations. Given a specification of the SAOM including edges and reciprocity, evaluate the goodness of fit of the model using the function `sienaGOF`.

- Save and send us the outcome of this procedure and comment your results.
- Add at least 4 (network or attribute-related) statistics in order to improve the GOF.